

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

I worked at a high-tech company in Ottawa. I was also on the board of Invest Ottawa – the economic development agency of the City.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

Yes, I have been a resident of Nepean for 11 years.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

I was on the board of several organizations including Invest Ottawa, an affordable housing corporation, immigrant settlement organization, two business associations, and social organizations.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

When I was a student, we had about six year waiting time for phones, no TV, few years waiting time for a motorbike/scooter, and no computers till after I graduated as an engineer and did my MBA.

However, after economic reforms started in India, in a short period, we had landlines upon request, computers everywhere, later cell phones, vehicles available off the shelf – the middle class dream.

Having lived through these tremendous changes, I saw the power of positive politics. I understood great many changes are possible only through a political process and being part of the decision making process.

5. What previous politician (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

None.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

Our policy to boldly address climate change while not taking our eye off necessary economic development resulting in continued creation of quality jobs.

Infrastructure is also very important to Nepean. Greater Barrhaven is one of the fastest growing suburbs and expected to soon surpass 90,000 residents. Bells Corners is also growing. A major issue with such growth is adequate infrastructure to meet community needs, particularly transit, but also social, community and recreational facilities, and affordable housing.

Our continued commitment to infrastructure and our willingness to work with other levels of governments to create new infrastructure matters to people in Nepean.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

In 2015, over 17.7 million Canadians voted, the highest turnout since 1993. In this election, for the first time ever, millennial voters are the largest voting bloc. In Nepean, we had a record 78% voter turnout.

Today, young people are among the most active participants in Canadian politics, including through their activism in nonpartisan issues like firmly addressing climate change.

During the last four years I have closely interacted with the community including participating in over 1150 community events and always been willing to attend schools to meet young Canadians. I will continue to do so in future too.